

## PROTECTING GOD'S PEOPLE

As God's people, we are called to celebrate, promote, and when necessary to defend the life and dignity of every person. We must treat everyone with respect, and do what we can to protect others from harm.

Suspected misconduct with minors by lay church personnel should be reported to the pastor of the parish, the principal of the school, or the head of the Catholic institution involved. Suspected misconduct with minors by a priest, deacon, or religious should be reported directly to the Bishop or Vicar General (P. O. Box 2279, Brownsville, TX 78522-2279; 956-542-2501). A form for a *Confidential Notice of Concern*, may be used, and obtained on request from the local pastor, school principal, institution head, or Diocese, or it may be downloaded from the Brownsville Diocese website ([www.cdob.org](http://www.cdob.org))

**Please be aware that it is a state law that anyone who suspects abuse or neglect of a minor must report it to local law enforcement officials or to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400.**

Our faith assures us that we will not be overcome by evil but will overcome evil with good (cf. Rm 12:21).

## PROTEGIENDO AL PUEBLO DE DIOS

Como el pueblo de Dios, cada uno de nosotros está llamado a celebrar, promover, y, si es necesario, defender la vida y la dignidad de todas personas. Tenemos que tratar a cada persona con respecto, y hacer lo posible para asegurar que nunca se dañe a los demás.

Una sospecha de mala conducta con los menores de edad, cometida por el personal laico de la iglesia, deberá reportarse al párroco de la iglesia, al director de la escuela, o al encargado de la institución católica en cuestión. Una sospecha de mala conducta con los menores de edad cometida por un sacerdote, diácono, o religioso deberá reportarse directamente al Señor Obispo o al Vicario General al (P.O. Box 2279, Brownsville, TX 78522-2279; 956-542-2501). Una forma para un *Aviso Confidencial de Inquietud (Confidential Notice of Concern)* puede obtenerse a través del párroco local, del director de la escuela, del encargado de la institución, de la Diócesis, o puede bajarse de la página oficial de Internet de la Diócesis de Brownsville ([www.cdob.org](http://www.cdob.org)).

**Por favor recuerde que hay una ley estatal que cualquier persona que sospeche el abuso o la negligencia hacia un menor de edad debe reportarlo a las autoridades oficiales locales o al Departamento de Servicios Familiares y Protectores de Texas (Texas Department of Family and Protective Services) al 1-800-252-5400.**

Nuestra fe nos asegura que el mal no nos vencerá, pero que venceremos al mal con el bien (cf. Rm 12:21).

## FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and friends, through our monthly Collection for the Poor, many families and individuals, of our area, are receiving some very much needed assistance. These items are an example of what is being provided to families/ persons in need: Flour, Sugar, Oil, Beans, Canned Food, Oatmeal, Pasta, Rice, etc. ***In the month of December 2024, due to our parishioners generosity, 68 families (145 adults and 70 children) received assistance.*** If you are interested in helping, please bring donations to our Sunday Masses or the parish office, during office hours (Mon.-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.). Now we are affiliated to the Rio Grande Valley Food Bank, and hope to serve our community better. For more information, please call our office. May the Lord reward your generosity and kindness!

## LET'S PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

For the families and care givers, for the Health Community System, Mary Helen Cano, Maggie Cisneros, Lalita Davila, Francisca Jimenez, Jorge Garcia, Maria Zepeda, Alicia Hernandez, Esthela Gonzales, Olivia Mueller, Guillermo Lara, Sr., Guillermo Lara, Jr., Gloria Rubalcaba, Griselda Ornelas, Debbie Cruz, Brandon Gonzales, Raul Riojas & Juana Morales. **If you would like to request for the sick of your family to be included in our weekly list of Prayers for the Sick of Our Community, please call weekly, so that they may be included in this Prayer list..**

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR  
January 12, 2025**

## Parish Staff

*Rev. Robert Charlton, SS.CC., Pastor*  
*Rev. John Sawchenko, SS.CC., Parochial Vicar*  
*Rev. Ajit Baliar Singh, SS.CC., Parochial Vicar*  
*Rev. Paulo Lui Voreqe, SS.CC., Parochial Vicar*  
*Rev. George Gonzalez, PhD, In Residence*  
*Lou Montes, Secretary*  
*Blas Hernandez, Handy Man*  
*Sam Rosales, Sacristan*

## Councils

*Pastoral Council*  
*Finance Council*  
*Scholarships' Committee*

## Ministries

*Extraordinary. Ministers of Holy Comm.*  
*CCD Teachers & Assistants*  
*Choirs: English & Spanish*  
*Lectors: English & Spanish*  
*Altar Servers*  
*Ushers*  
*Homebound Ministry*  
*Nursing Home Ministry*  
*Adoration Committee*  
*Charity (Food Pantry)*

## Prayer Groups

*Asamblea, Oración y Alabanza (Español)*  
*Glory and Praise (English)*

## Religious Education

*Children's Catechism (CCD)*  
*Bible Class (English & Spanish)*  
*Adult Faith Format: English & Spanish*  
*Sacramental Preparation*  
*Baptismal Preparation*  
*Marriage Preparation*

## Organizations

*Guadalupanas*      *Franciscanas*  
*I.H.M. Ladies' Club*      *I.H.M. Men's Club*  
*Caballeros de San Jose*  
*Knights of Columbus*

**412 S. "C" Street, Harlingen, TX 78550**

**(956) 423-0855**

**Office Hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm**

**(Monday thru Friday)**

**Web-page: [www.ihmc-hgn.org](http://www.ihmc-hgn.org)**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekdays:

Monday-Friday: 7:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
First Friday: 7:00 a.m. Mass

**Saturdays: 5:30 p.m.** Mass of Anticipation for  
Sunday in English

**Sundays: 8:00 a.m.** Misa en Español,  
12:00 Noon Mass in English

**Holy Days of Obligation:** 7:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.  
(12:00 Noon Benediction).

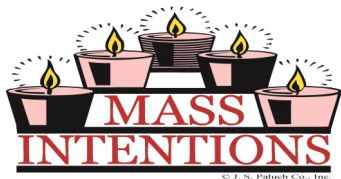
## SACRAMENTS

**Confessions:** Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. (or by appt.)

**Baptisms:** On first Sunday of every other month. Please, contact the parish office, ahead of time, for a copy of the policy and information on classes. Parents and sponsors of this parish need to attend the Baptismal Prep. Classes here, before receiving a letter to be sponsors & the Certificate of Attendance.

**Marriage:** Engaged couple needs to make an appointment with the pastor, at least six months before the intended wedding date.

**Quinceañeras: (Not a Sacrament)** Candidates need to be members of IHM, attend Sunday Mass (regularly) and CCD Classes for the last two years, at this parish. Please, no exceptions.



**SATURDAY, January 11th**  
**5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)**  
 +Petra Pena  
 +Pedro Pena  
 +Coach Jesse David Longhofer

**SUNDAY January 12th**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**Bautismo del Señor**

**8:00 a.m. Misa en Español**  
 Pro Populo

**12:00 Noon Mass in English**  
 +Martha Ann Champion

**MONDAY, January 13th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**  
 For the Prisoners

**TUESDAY, January 14th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**  
 For the Poor

**WEDNESDAY, January 15th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**  
 +Ofelio & + Teresa Muniz

**THURSDAY, January 16th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**  
 For the Sick

**Friday, January 17th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**  
 For Our Faithful Departed

**Saturday, January 18th**  
**5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)**  
 +James Patrick Martinez  
 +Pedro Palacios, Jr.  
 Holy Souls in Purgatory

## TODAY'S WORD OF GOD January 12, 2025

Over the Christmas season, which ends today, the Gospel passages have told how God's Son was made manifest to the world. The angels told the shepherds that a savior had been born in Bethlehem. The magi followed the star to give homage to the newborn Messiah. The youth Jesus amazed the teachers in the temple. Today we hear that as Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove and the Father's voice could be heard saying, "You are my beloved Son." We rejoice today, for the Son of God is continually revealed to us.

Today's first reading and Gospel feature nearly the same words from God. Centuries before Christ's birth, Isaiah says God proclaims, "Here is...my chosen one with whom I am pleased." When Jesus was baptized, the Father spoke from heaven, "You are my beloved Son: with you I am well pleased." Let us listen to how Isaiah, Peter, and Luke speak of God's chosen one: the Messiah, the Christ, God's Son.

## PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY 12 de enero de 2025

Durante el tiempo de Navidad, que termina hoy, los pasajes del Evangelio nos han narrado cómo el Hijo de Dios fue manifestado en el mundo. Los ángeles les dijeron a los pastores que había nacido un Salvador en Belén. Los magos siguieron la estrella para rendir homenaje al Mesías recién nacido. El joven Jesús asombró a los maestros en el templo. Hoy escuchamos que en el bautismo de Jesús el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre él en forma de paloma y se oyó la voz del Padre decir: "Tú eres mi Hijo, el predilecto". Hoy nos regocijamos, pues el Hijo de Dios se revela continuamente a nosotros.

La primera lectura y el Evangelio de hoy presentan casi las mismas palabras de Dios. Siglos antes del nacimiento de Cristo, Isaías dice lo que Dios proclama: "Miren...a mi elegido, en quien tengo mis complacencias". Cuando Jesús fue bautizado, el Padre habló desde el cielo: "Tú eres mi Hijo, el predilecto; en ti me complazco". Escuchemos cómo Isaías, Pedro y Lucas hablan del escogido de Dios: el Mesías, el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios.

# CHURCH NEWS

## CCD

Classes will resume on Jan. 12th

## ASAMBLEA, ORACION Y ALABANZA (GRUPO DE ORACION EN ESPAÑOL)

Todos los Martes, a las 6:30 p.m. en el edificio de la escuela de I.H.M.

## REUNION DE GUADALUPANAS

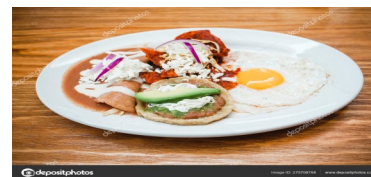
Domingo, 12 de enero, a las 9:30 a.m., en el edificio de la escuela

## LADIES' CLUB MEETING

Thursday, January 16th, at 7:00 p.m., at the O.L. of Guadalupe Room (School Bldg.)

## K. OF C. GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, January 18th, at 9:00 a.m., at the I.H.M. School Bldg.



## MONTHLY BREAKFAST BY THE GUADALUPANAS DESAYUNO DE GUADALUPANAS

Sunday, January 19th  
 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.,  
 at the San Juan Diego Rm./School Bldg.



## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE AND CONFESSIONS

### SUNDAY MASSES:

5:30 p.m. Mass in English (Saturday)  
 8:00 a.m. Misa en Español  
 12:00 Noon Mass in English

### DAILY MASS (Monday thru Friday):

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

### CONFESSIONS: Sat. at 4:00 p.m.

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Masses



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

#### FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

7:00 a.m. Mass; 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon (12:00 Noon Benediction).

## The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord January 12th

